CLAIMS

We Claim:

A software delivery system comprising:

a digital storage device containing a control module and at least one software product, said software product having been assigned a unique identifier; and

a computer system, said computer system having a drive for reading data stored on said digital storage device, a processor, a hard drive and a non-volatile memory, said computer system storing at least one identifier corresponding to the identifier of said software product in said non-volatile memory;

whereby when said digital storage device is read by said drive, said control module loads onto said hard drive the software product having an identifier which corresponds to the identifier stored in the non-volatile memory of said computer system.

2. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said non-volatile memory may be updated to include additional identifiers.

3. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said non-volatile memory is read-only-memory.

The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said 4. 1 identifier in said non-volatile memory is encrypted. 2 3 5. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 2 further 1 comprising an update module for updating said non-volatile memory to 2 include additional identifiers. 3 4 6. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 further 1 comprising a serial number stored in said computer system. 2 3 7. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 6 wherein said 1 serial number is stored in said non-volatile memory of said computer 2 system. 3 4 8. A software delivery system comprising: 1 a digital storage device containing a control module and a plurality 2 of software modules containing at least one software in each of said 3 modules, each of said software modules having been assigned a unique 4 identifier; and 5 a computer system, said computer system having a drive for reading 6 data stored on said digital storage device, a prodessor, a hard drive and a 7 non-volatile memory, said computer system storing at least one identifier in 8 said non-volatile memory which corresponds to at least one identifier of 9 said software modules; 10

whereby when said digital storage device is read by said drive, said control module loads onto said hard drive the software from the software module having an identifier which corresponds to the identifier stored in the non-volatile memory of said computer system.

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9. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said non-volatile memory may be updated to include additional identifiers.

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1 10. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said 2 non-volatile memory is read-only-memory.

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1 11. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said 2 identifier in said non-volatile memory is encrypted.

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1 12. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 9 further comprising an update module for updating said non-volatile memory to include additional identifiers.

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1 13. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 further 2 comprising a serial number stored in said computer system.

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1 14. The software delivery system as recited in Claim 13 wherein said
2 serial number is stored in said non-volatile memory of said computer
3 system.

1	15. A process for facilitating a delivery of custom-ordered software to a
2	computer system, said computer system having a processor, a digital
3	storage drive, a hard disk, and a non-volatile memory, said process
4	comprising the steps of:
5	writing a set of software onto a digital storage device, said set of
6	software containing at least the custom-ordered software;
7	assigning a unique identifier for each software in said digital storage
8	device;
9	writing the identifier of said custom-ordered software into the non-
10	volatile memory of said computer system;
11	inserting said digital storage device into said digital storage drive;
12	reading said identifier in said non-volatile memory of said computer
13	system;
14	comparing said identifier in said non-volatile memory with said
15	identifier of the customer-ordered software; and
16	installing the custom-ordered software onto the hard disk of the
17	computer system only if the identifier in said non-volatile matches the
18	identifier of the customer-ordered software.
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1	16. The method as recited in Claim 15 wherein said set of software is
2	written onto said digital storage device before said custom-ordered
3	software is ordered by a customer.

- 1 17. The method as recited in Claim 15 further comprising the step of
- 2 testing the set of software before it is written onto said digital storage

3 device.

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- 1 18. The method as recited in Claim 15 wherein said identifier in said
- 2 non-volatile memory is\encrypted.

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- 1 19. The method as recited in Claim 15 further comprising the step of
- 2 checking a serial number of said computer system before executing said
- 3 step of writing the identifier of said custom-ordered software into the non-
- 4 volatile memory of said computer system.